order, directed that dealerships/distributorships which were taken over by the oil companies, be restored to the dealers/distributors. As the matter is *sub-judice*, further action on finalisation of modalities for auction of the cancelled dealerships/distributorships or framing of fresh guidelines can be taken by the Government only after the Supreme Court delivers its final judgement.

Managalore-Bangalore-Coimbatore LPG pipeline project

706. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the proposed Mangalore-Bangalore-Coimbatore LPG pipeline project;

(b) the estimated volume of LPG to be transported through the pipeline;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has evinced keen interest in the project; and

(d) what is the present status of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The estimated cost of the proposed Mangalore-Bangalore-Coimbatore LPG pipeline is Rs. 576.39 crore including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 165.01 crore. The estimate is based on Detailed Feasibility Report in August, 2000.

(b) The through-put capacity of the pipeline system is planned to be 1.10 MMTPA of LPG.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Detailed Feasibility Report has been prepared and detailed survey completed. Rapid Rish Assessment (RRA) and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies have also been completed. Work relating to acquisition of land in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka for laying of pipeline is on.